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publish it, so that people interested in the scheme may also give their views and lay them before the Government before the enquiry is completed by the said committee ? ”

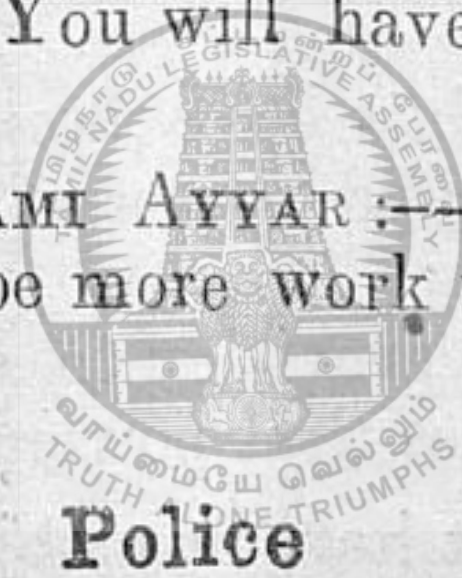
The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—“ I think the idea of it was only for the purpose of collating the power demand. If the hon. Members want it, I have no objection to place the Government Order on the table of the House, and if any of the hon. Members are willing to assist the Government by giving their views as to the power demand, we shall be only too grateful.”

Mr. C. GOPALA MENON :—“ Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to say whether the special officer deputed for this work had finished his work before he was appointed for investigating the conditions of cottage industry in the Presidency ? ” 11-15 a.m.

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—“ As I said in answer to a question that emanated from the hon. Member for Malabar, I am dealing with the report in consultation with my hon. Colleagues, His Excellency and other Members of the Government, and final orders will be issued a little later. It is impossible now to state whether the work so far done is final or not.”

Mr. C. GOPALA MENON :—“ Was the special officer transferred before his work was actually completed ? You will have seen it in the local papers”

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—“ If Government come to the conclusion that there will be more work for this committee, he will be asked to do it.”



Police

Punitive police in Gooty and Tadpatri taluks.

* 113 Q.—Mr. K. KOTI REDDI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether there is any longer any necessity to continue the punitive police stationed at Peddavadvur and other villages in Gooty and Tadpatri taluks of Anantapur district ?

A.—The continuance of the additional police will come up for the consideration of Government in April next when a report from the District Magistrate is due.

Railways

Proposed construction of a railway line in Salem district.

* 114 Q.—Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether there is any proposal before the Government to have a railway line in the Salem district in connexion with the Mettur scheme, and if so, to what length and at what cost ?

A.—In October last the Railway Board sanctioned a detailed survey of a line of railway on the 5' 6" gauge from Salem to Mettur dam via Mecheri, a distance of 26 miles. The cost of the project cannot be known until the survey is completed.